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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:)
R. Paul Schaudies, et al.)
Serial No. 10/630,384) Art Unit: 1637
Filed: July 30, 2003) Examiner: Fredman, J.
For: METHOD FOR DETECTING A)
BIOLOGICAL ENTITY IN A SAMPLE)

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.102¹ and MPEP § 708.02, the undersigned respectfully petitions the Commissioner for advanced examination of the above-identified patent application (hereafter "Application"). Advanced examination is requested on the basis of special grounds pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.102 (a) and (d). More particularly, as set

¹ 37 CFR 1.102 Advancement of examination.

- (a) Applications will not be advanced out of turn for examination or for further action except as provided by this part, or upon order of the Commissioner to expedite the business of the Office, or upon filing of a request under paragraph (b) of this section or upon filing a petition under paragraphs (c) or (d) of this section with a showing which, in the opinion of the Commissioner, will justify so advancing it.
- (b) Applications wherein the inventions are deemed of peculiar importance to some branch of the public service and the head of some department of the Government requests immediate action for that reason, may be advanced for examination.
- (c) A petition to make an application special may be filed without a fee if the basis for the petition is the applicant's age or health or that the invention will materially enhance the quality of the environment or materially contribute to the development or conservation of energy resources.
- (d) A petition to make an application special on grounds other than those referred to in paragraph (c) of this section must be accompanied by the fee set forth in § 1.17(h).

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forth in MPEP § 708.02 (XI)², this petition is requested based on the special grounds of "Inventions for Countering Terrorism."

Pursuant to MPEP § 708.02 (XI), the undersigned states that the invention presented herein contributes to countering terrorism by describing a method for the detection or characterization of a biological entity in the event of a biological warfare attack.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R § 1.102(d), the undersigned also submits herewith the required fee of \$130.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R § 1.17(h) and a statement by the inventors in support of this Petition to Make Special. The undersigned respectfully requests that the Commissioner grant this Petition to Make Special and expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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XI. INVENTIONS FOR COUNTERING TERRORISM

In view of the importance of developing technologies for countering terrorism and the desirability of prompt disclosure of advances made in these fields, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office will accord "special" status to patent applications relating to counter-terrorism inventions.

International terrorism as defined in 18 U.S.C. 2331 includes "activities that - (A) involve violent acts or acts dangerous to human life that are a violation of the criminal laws of the United States or of any State, or that would be a criminal violation if committed within the jurisdiction of the United States or of any State; [and] (B) appear to be intended - (i) to intimidate or coerce a civilian population; (ii) to influence the policy of a government by intimidation or coercion; or (iii) to affect the conduct of a government by assassination or kidnapping..." The types of technology for countering terrorism could include, but are not limited to, systems for detecting/identifying explosives, aircraft sensors/security systems, and vehicular barricades/disabling systems.

Applicants who desire that an application relating to inventions for countering terrorism be made special should file a petition with the petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h) requesting the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to make the application special. The petition for special status should be accompanied by a statement explaining how the invention contributes to countering terrorism.